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SUBJECT: CISL MINORITY CLOSES RANKS AROUND SCALIA

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1. DECISION OF CISL SECRETARIAT TO CONSIDER DISCIPLINARY MEASURES AGAINST FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL VITO SCALIA HAS APPARENTLY STRENGTHENED THE MINORITY POSITION WITHIN CISL AT LEAST MOMENTARILY. THE LEADERS OF 11 CATEGORY UNIONS, LEOLINI (TRANSPORT), SARTORI (FARM-WORKERS), RICCI (SMALL FARM HOLDERS), IANNONE (RAILWAY WORKERS), PRIOLO (ELECTRICAL WORKERS) ROMANZZI (SCHOOLS), PAPPUCIA (MUNICIPAL WORKERS), MORRA (TRAMWAY WORKERS), NEIDDU (POST OFFICE WORKERS), TISATO (TELEGRAPH WORKERS), AND VALENTINO CREA (CIVIL AVIATION) HAVE DELIVERED AN ULTIMATUM TO SECRETARY GENERAL STORTI CALLING FOR THE CESSATION OF PROCEEDINGS AGAINST SCALIA. OTHERWISE, THEY HAVE INFERRED THEY WILL LEAVE THE CONFEDERATION.

2. THE CISL MINORITY HAS FINALLY ALSO FOUND OPEN POLITICAL SUPPORT. IN A SPEECH DELIVERED ON MAY ONE TO 29,999 CATHOLIC

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WORKERS WHO ARE BEING ORGANIZED AT THE FACTORY LEVEL BY THE

CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN THE GRUPPO DI IMPEGNI (GIP), DC SECRETARY GENERAL FANFANI DEFENDED SCALIA AND CALLED UPON HIS CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC FRIENDS WITH CISL, SUCH AS STORTI, TO GIVE A MORE "DEMOCRATIC EXAMPLE."

3. AT THE SAME TIME STORTI IS HAVING DIFFICULTY RESISTING PRESSURE FROM THE LEFT WING OF CISL, LED BY PIERRE CARNITI, WHICH IS INSISTING UPON A RESTRUCTURING OF THE CONFEDERATION. CARNITI IS ATTEMPTING TO PUT SUPPORTERS OF ORGANIC UNITY WITH CGIL AND UIL IN KEY POSITIONS SUCH AS THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PRESS OFFICE AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

4. COMMENT: STORTI IS NOW PLAYING FOR TIME, HOPING TO DELAY A SHOWDOWN OVER THE SCALIA AFFAIR UNTIL AFTER THE JUNE REGIONAL ELECTIONS. EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK HAVE SEVERELY RESTRICTED HIS ROOM FOR MANEUVER. IF HE STOPS PROCEEDINGS AGAINST SCALIA, HE RISKS BEING DEPOSED BY THE LEFT WING. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF HE ALLOWS MATTERS TO GO BEYOND A SIMPLE VERBAL CENSURE OF SCALIA THE CONFEDERATION MAY BE SPLIT. THE CISL SECRETARIAT IS TO MEET MAY 6 TO CONTINUE TO DEBATE ON LABOR UNITY AND DECIDE WHEN ITS GENERAL COUNCIL IS TO DISCUSS THE SCALIA CASE. VOLPE

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